THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AN PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The pensioners' demand in regard to medical allowance has been accepted by the Government. Medical allowance @ 100/- per month has been granted w.e.f. 1.12.1997 to the pensioners/family pensioners residing in areas not covered by Central Government Health Scheme and corresponding health schemes administered by other Ministries/ Departments for their retired employees for meeting expenditure on day-to-day medical expenses that do not require hospitalisation. The demands relating to leave travel concession facilities for pensioners have been considered, but it has not been found possible to accept these demand.

CBI Enquiry into multi-crore Central Subsidy Scandal

3307. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether a CBI enquiry into multi-crore Central subsidy scandal on Janata Cloth by Brahmaputra Valley Regional Weaver Cooperative Society Ltd. in Assam was initiated during 1991-92;

(b) if so, the details of the amount involved, persons found responsible, number of fake societies detected and responsibility fixed on persons involved in this scandal;

(c) whether CBI has chargesheeted those persons found responsible and properties disproportionate to their known sources of income were attached;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for delay and the time by which an action is likely to be initiated by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) No such enquiry was initiated by CBI during 1991-92. However, a case viz. RC. 6(S)/94-SIU. VIII was registered in this regard on 27.6.1994 in SIU. VIII Branch of CBI on receipt of a complaint from the State Government of Assam.

(b) The case was registered on the allegation that during the period 1989—92 an amount of Rs. 12 crores (approx.) was claimed by M/s Brahmaputra Valley Regional Weaver Cooperative Society Ltd., Ambari, Guwahati on the basis of bogus documents of production and sale of Janata Cloth. As the case is under investigation, disclosure of details will not be appropriate.

(c) No Sir. The case is still under investigation.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) A specific time frame for completion of the investigation can not be made at present, as the delay in completion of investigations is mainly because of the voluminous documents involved, the large number of witnesses to be examined and the far flung terrorist infested areas of Assam where investigations have to be carried out.

Discipline and punctuality in Central Government Offices

3308. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the puncutality and discipline are not observed by employees working in various Central Government offices located at Delhi/New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any plans to effectively implement the discipline and punctuality